

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Express Mail & Priority Mail
Contract 8 (MC2009-33)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 3, 2012)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire December 10, 2012.¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 30-day extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until such time as the Postal Service and its contract customer can reach agreement on the terms of the new contract.

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working diligently to reach a new agreement, but have not yet done so. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service represents that it and the contract customer expect to reach agreement on a new

¹ See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, November 30, 2012 (Motion). The Commission appreciates that the Motion complies with the guidance recently set forth in Order No. 1523, that such requests be submitted at least seven days before contracts expire.

contract within the next week. *Id.* To maintain continuity, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended for 30 days. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 30 days from the current expiration date until January 9, 2013. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed November 30, 2012, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 30 days from the current expiration date, until January 9, 2013.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary